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1084-GVAA

5 September 1952

SUBJECT: Father Marcell van Cutsem.

TO : BRAHILL

Attn:

RFF : 648-GVAA

1. The following information on the subject and his activities has been obtained by and .

2. In the past, Col McMillan, USPA PIO, supported the subject's newspaper "Statet" on a small scale out of confidential funds. However, the new Commanding General did not approve further financial support.

3. Finding his support cut off, the subject approached Mr. Burylcheck, USCOA, KP Section. (Mr. Burylcheck is stationed in Salzburg.) Mr. Burylcheck promised subject to give him support in form of newsprint for his paper. However, this support did not materialize.

4. As his next step in search of support, the subject contacted Mr. Hopman, Public Affairs Representative, USCOA, in Salzburg. During the interview, the subject gave Mr. Hopman the following data on his daily newspaper.

a. The name of the paper is "Lutze"; formerly, it was published under the name of "Festnik".

b. It has been published daily and on Sundays for the past two years.

c. Each edition consists of approximately 300 copies.

d. Each daily copy consists of six pages, but somewhat larger on Sundays.

e. Price per copy -- 50 groschen.

f. Editorial and other material contained in the paper is not written by the Subject. Subject merely translates it for publication into the Russian language.

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5. The subject stated to Mr. Hopman that he wished to expand the circulation of the paper to include the DP camps in Munich and Trieste areas, also to lower the price per copy to 10 groschen. To carry out his project, subject asked for financial support in the amount of 1000 schillings monthly.

6. Mr. Hopman declined to extend any support; he did, however, write a report on the matter to Mr. Eapy, Political Advisor, USCCA, to the Commanding General, USPA.

7. Mr. Eapy discussed the matter with Col. Malhall and forwarded Mr. Hopman's report to USCCA, Public Affairs, in Vienna. In his cover letter, Mr. Eapy pointed out that it is not the U. S. policy to support one specific religious group.

8. In Mr. Hopman's report subject's residence and office addresses were listed as follows:

Residence: Haunnergasse 13; telephone: 31874

Office: Rainerviertel 25; telephone: 29816

9. The following action was taken in regards to the Subject.

a. [] on his recent visit to Salzburg station suggested that sum of 1000 schillings be transmitted to the subject to keep his publication going, while a study of subject's possible future use was being made.

b. Transmission of funds to be carried anonymously from an alleged "Anonymous Friend."

c. An appropriate note in French to accompany the funds was written by [] .

d. On 27-28 August, [] attempted to effect the transmittal of the funds to subject's residence, but was prevented from doing so by unfavorable circumstances. On 28 August, [] engaged a Biometer (F123) to deliver the envelope containing the note and funds to the subject.

e. On 30 August [] checked with the Biometer whether he succeeded to effect the delivery. The Biometer answered [] that he did.

f. On 30 August, on the third attempt, [] contacted the subject by telephone and the subject verified the receipt of the note and funds on 28 August.

g. The conversation between the subject and [] was carried on in French. In his opening remark, [] identified himself as the sender of the note. The subject was immensely pleased by the receipt of the funds and stated, "My prayers have been answered. The good Lord always provides for good endeavors. May God bless you, whoever you may be." The subject also stated that the funds arrived in the nick of time. He also expressed hope that the "good Lord" will enable him to carry on his work with the assistance of the "understanding anonymous friend."

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10. The subject speaks excellent French.
11. At no time during the conversation had the subject attempted to learn who was the anonymous donor.

Approved:

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